

For Immediate Release

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**Moore County Planning and Community Development is Requesting Your Input on Unified Development Ordinance Regulation Changes**

Background: Since January 2010 Moore County has been undertaking a project to combine and streamline the existing county development ordinances into one cohesive document that will improve the usability of the ordinances making it customer friendly and easier to understand. This new document is called a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Process: The first step in this endeavor is to merely rearrange the existing language into a format that is easily understandable and that eliminates overlapping and conflicting language within the existing ordinance. This step will involve some language changes however it will not result in new ordinance standards or regulations for development. It will only update existing language to streamline and clarify the current ordinance and eliminate glaring errors, omissions, and holes in the language.

The second step is to review the document section by section with the Moore County Planning Board before bringing the entire document to you the citizens for more detailed review and input.

At their January 6, 2011 regular meeting the Moore County Planning Board endorsed a review schedule for the draft Unified Development Ordinance that will begin in February. Between February and June 2011 the Planning Board will be reviewing sections of the UDO and will be welcoming anyone that would like to attend and participate in this effort.

Review Schedule: The Planning Board meetings will be held on the following dates:

February 10, 2011	March 10, 2011	April 7, 2011	May 5, 2011	June 9, 2011
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Invitation for Public Review: Following the Planning Board's review of the plan later in the year a series of Public Review Workshops will be held where you the citizens can let us know where you would like to see changes in the ordinance. If there's something you would like to see changed please come and tell us!

All of the suggestions will be compiled into a 'parking lot' of ideas for additional changes to the ordinance that will be reviewed, researched and considered by the Planning Board and Planning staff beginning in the Fall of 2011.

Copies of the UDO will be available starting Monday, February 14, 2011 for public review on the Moore County Planning Department website and hard copies will be made available upon request.

For more information contact: This is an important project that needs your help and input in order to be completed. Development regulations are meant to reflect how communities want to see themselves in the future and this is a great opportunity to have your voice heard.

If you would like additional information, have questions or comments please contact Mr. Tim Garner, Planner or Mr. Robert Farrell, Planner with the Moore County Planning Department at (910) 947-5010.

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